

Old Metal Exchange,
234 Pearl Street,
New York City.

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

District No. 4
Southern New York State

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Historic American Buildings Survey
Wm. Dewey Foster, District Officer
25 West 45th Street, New York City

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METAL EXCHANGE BUILDING
234 Pearl Street
Borough of Manhattan, New York County, New York

Owner:

New York Steam Corporation
4 Irving Place
New York, N. Y.

Date of Erection:

Circa 1846

Architect:

Unknown

Builder:

Seventh Ward Bank acquired and improved in 1846

Present Condition:

Poor. Building at present houses steam power plant which supplies steam for heat to buildings in the neighborhood.

Number of Stories:

One

Materials of Construction:

Foundations - rubble stone, brick faced with stone above the ground level.

Interior walls - plaster

Exterior walls - brownstone

Floors - cement

Roof - composition

Other Existing Records:

Old print showing the building in the possession of the New York Steam Corporation. See attached photostatic copy.

Additional data:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Record:</u>	<u>Reference:</u>
1692	September 7. This site was part of the property conveyed to Thomas Clarke.	Farm Histories Vol P
1692	No conveyance record is available for the period to between 1692 to 1797, but Esther Gomez received 1797 the property during this time.	
1797	July 12. Esther Gomez conveyed the property to Walter and Isaac Heyer. According to the deed a house was on the property before this time.	N.Y. Hall of Records Liber 54 Conveyanoss P 490
1808	Walter and Isaac Heyer are assessed for one house on one lot. The assessment is \$4,000.	Record of Assessments 2nd Ward P 12
1815	Walter and Isaac Heyer are assessed for one house on one lot. The assessment increased from \$4,500. to \$13,000.	Record of Assessments 2nd Ward P 12
1818	Walter Heyer is assessed for one house on one lot on this site. The assessment is \$7,000.	Record of Assessments 2nd Ward P 8
1823	February 17. Isaac, Jane, Phebe and William Heyer, recorded as the heirs of Walter Heyer, conveyed the property to Thomas H. Leggett.	L 164 H of R Conveyances P 247
	During this year Thomas Leggett is recorded as "improving" the property.	
	The assessment is increased to \$12,000.	Record of Assessments 2nd Ward P 9
1828	Thomas Leggett, as the owner of this property, is assessed for \$15,000.	Record of Assessment 2nd Ward P 26
1833	Thomas Leggett & Company are recorded as the owners of the property with an assessment of \$23,000.	Record of Assessments 2nd Ward P 29
1834	This property was occupied by several different firms during this period. The assessment	Record of Assessments 2nd Ward
1845	fluctuates each year and reverts to \$16,000. in 1845.	

Additional data (continued)

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Record:</u>	<u>Reference:</u>
1846	May 1. Thomas H. Leggett and Francis V. Leggett conveyed the property to the President and Directors of the Seventh Ward Bank.	N.Y. Hall of Records, Liber 475 Conveyances P 261
	The Seventh Ward Bank is assessed for \$18,000. and recorded as "improving" the property.	Record of Assessments 2nd Ward P 29
	Owing the type of building on this site today it is probable that the old one was torn down and the present one erected to house the business of the bank.	
1863	The President and Directors of the Seventh Ward Bank conveyed the property to William J. Schenck on January 19.	H of R L 865 Conveyances P 368
	On the same day William J. Schenck conveyed the property to William Halsey, the president of the Seventh Ward Bank.	H of R L 865 Conveyances P 370
1883	November 2. The Seventh Ward Bank conveyed the property to the New York Metal Exchange.	H of R L 1764 Conveyances P 45
1910	September 20. The New York Metal Exchange conveyed the property to the U. S. Realty and Improvement Company.	H of R L 130 Conveyances P 120
	October 5. The U. S. Realty and Improvement Company conveyed the property to Joseph F. Cullman.	H of R L 131 Conveyances P 63
1916	January 5. The executors of Joseph F. Cullman conveyed the property to Logan O. Timberlake.	H of R L 158 Conveyances P 170
	January 6. Logan Timberlake conveyed the property to the City Real Estate Co.	H of R L 157 Conveyances P 298
	January 14. The City Real Estate Co. conveyed the property to Kenneth Stevenson.	H of R L 158 Conveyances P 196
1917	January 15. Kenneth Stevenson conveyed the property to the City Real Estate Corp.	H of R L 3012 Conveyances P 24
1922	July 8. The N. Y. City Real Estate Corporation conveyed the property to the New York Steam Corporation.	H of R L 3288 Conveyances P 280
1936	The New York Steam Corporation converted the building into a steam power plant which supplies	

Date:

Record:

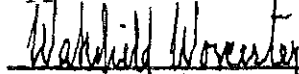
Reference:

1936 steam to the buildings in the financial
(contd.) district of New York City.



Nixon E. Paulk (Author)

Approved: February 13, 1937



Wakefield Worcester, District Officer.

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JOHN I. SMITH'S MANUFACTORY, 232, PEARL ST. CORNER OF BURLING SLIP.

H. & O. D. Gay

New York June 28 1860

Bought of John I. Smith.

Terms, All Cash.

232, Pearl St. next door to Seventh Ward Bank.

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Received for rent
John I. Smith
J. I. Smith